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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kunio SHIOTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 09/881,748) Examiner: John S. Brusca
Filed: June 18, 2001) Confirmation No. 8762
For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING)
CELLS USING DNA)
METHYLATION PATTERNS)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the non-final Office Action ("Action") mailed February 15, 2005. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicants respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 7.